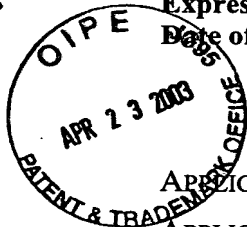


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A. Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 12) dated January 23, 2003, a response to which is due April 23, 2003, the shortened statutory period response date. No extensions of time are therefore necessary. No other fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19705-010 (MTAP-10) – Customer Number 30263.

Please amend this application as follows: